

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-17, 55 and 57-58** are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art, Han et al., Brugger et al. and Koivusalo et al., do not teach or suggest the limitations in the claims as amended. Specifically, none of Han et al., Brugger et al. or Koivusalo et al. describe or suggest generating a two dimensional plot identifying simultaneously multiple molecular ions of a lipid extract present on an x-axis and neutral loss or precursor ion scans of fatty acids of the lipid extract on a y-axis, and comparing peak heights for the molecular ions with that for an internal standard to identify and/or quantify hundreds to thousands of lipid and/or phospholipid molecular species.

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Conclusion

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